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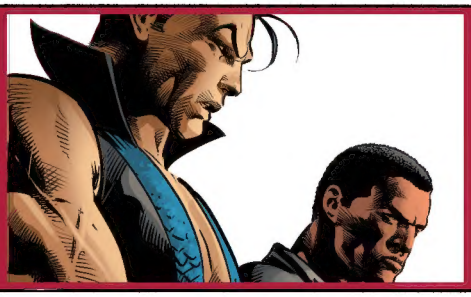
FAILURE TO REFORM!

The Sinister Six wreaked havoc on Midtown yesterday after Superior Spider-Man lost his apparent control over the former fellowship of fiends.

WAR OVER SEAS! (AND UNDER THEM!)

War continues between Atlantis and Wakanda. Sources report that secret meetings between the Avengers NAMOR and the BLACK PANTHER have not brokered a peace between their two nations.



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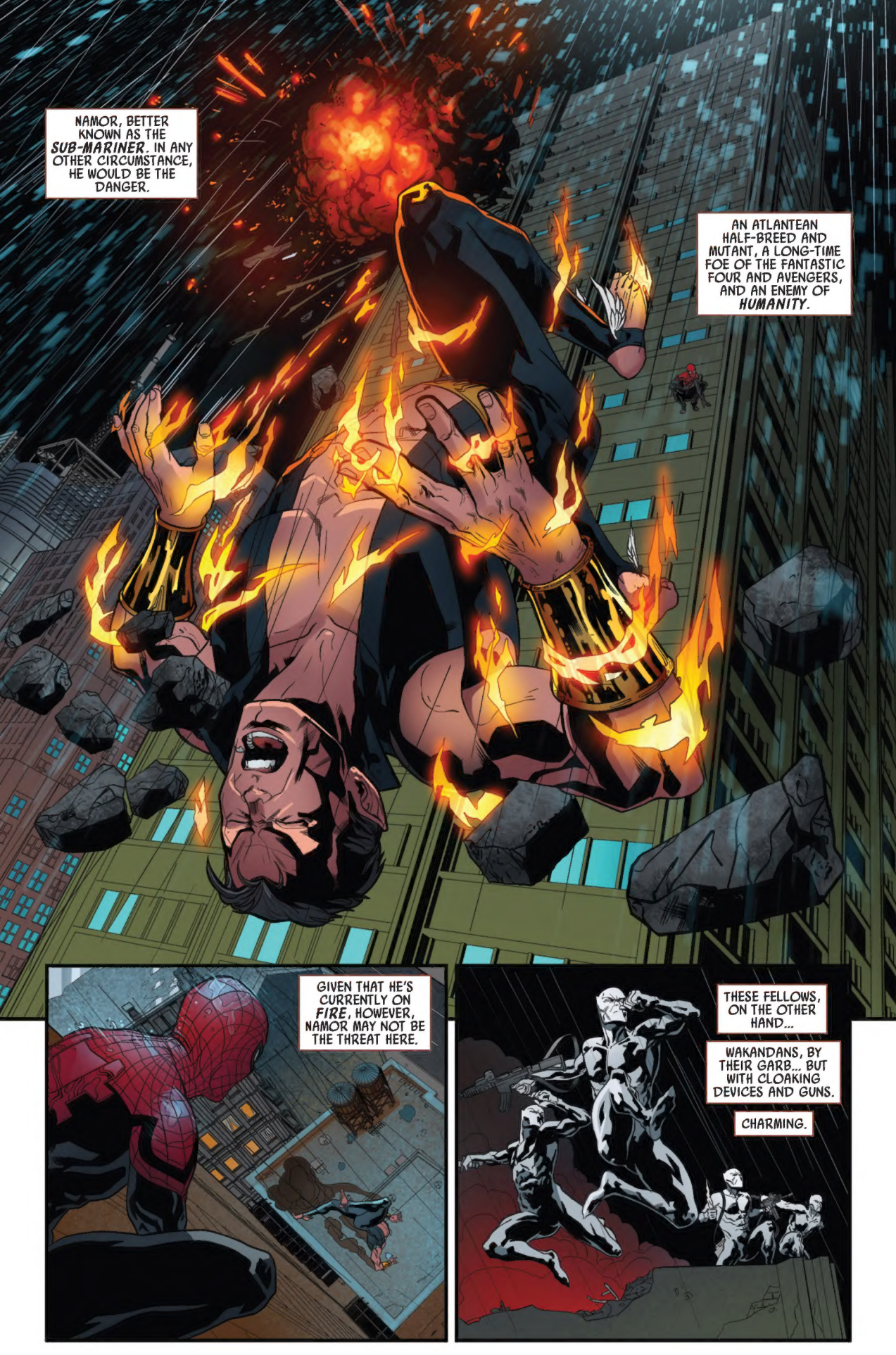
I AM SPIDER-MAN.
THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN, I CALLED MYSELF.
A CRUEL JOKE, I NOW REALIZE.
FOR I AM A FAILURE.

THE AVENGERS HAD PUT ME ON PROBATION OVER CONCERNS ABOUT MY NEW "ATTITUDE," SO I FORMED MY OWN TEAM.
I DID THIS BY CAPTURING AND CONTROLLING THE MINDS OF THE SINISTER SIX.
IN MY ARROGANCE, IT SEEMED LIKE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.
MY EGO COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF EVEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOMETHING COULD GO WRONG.
BUT IT DID.
THE "SUPERIOR SIX" ESCAPED MY CONTROL, AND TOOK OFFENSE AT WHAT I HAD DONE TO THEM.
THEY SOUGHT REVENGE.
AND OVER EIGHT MILLION SOULS NEARLY PAID THE PRICE FOR MY ARROGANCE.

THE CRISIS WAS AVERTED, NARROWLY...BUT NOT EVEN BY MY HAND.
BECAUSE OF MY ACTIONS...
BECAUSE OF MY EGO...
SPIDER-MAN WAS NEARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF NEW YORK CITY.
NOT SPIDER-MAN...
DOCTOR OCTOPUS.
I WAS BETTER, I TOLD MYSELF.
I STAND HERE ON THE SPOT WHERE "DOCTOR OCTOPUS" DIED, WONDERING HOW IT ALL WENT SO WRONG.
BUT NOW...NOW I REALIZE...
FREEZE!

SPIDER-MAN!
YOU ARE WANTED FOR QUESTIONING!
WHY DID I THINK I COULD DO THIS?
GET DOWN ON THE GROUND! NOW!
THAT AFTER YEARS AND YEARS OF DEFEAT AT PETER PARKER'S HANDS, THAT I WAS BETTER THAN HIM?
THAT I WAS FIT TO PROTECT THESE BLEATING SHEEP?
DO NOT MAKE ME SHOOT YOU!
JUSTINE EDWARDS
DAVE MARSHALL
THIS IS OFFICER MARSHALL, WE...WE HAVE SPIDER-MAN... REQUESTING BACKUP...
LOOK... WE KNOW EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR THIS CITY... BUT...
YOU HAVE TO TURN YOURSELF IN.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO.
BUT NOT TO YOU.
I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO.

I SHALL SURRENDER TO THE AVENGERS AND REVEAL THE TRUTH...
...THAT I AM DR. OTTO OCTAVIUS, AND I MUST PAY FOR MY CRIMES.
FOR MY ARROGANCE.
PERHAPS STARK OR PYM OR RICHARDS CAN FIND A WAY TO--
--SPIDER-SENSE.


NAMOR, BETTER KNOWN AS THE SUB-MARINER. IN ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE, HE WOULD BE THE DANGER.
AN ATLANTEAN HALF-BREED AND MUTANT, A LONG-TIME FOE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND AVENGERS, AND AN ENEMY OF HUMANITY.
GIVEN THAT HE'S CURRENTLY ON FIRE, HOWEVER, NAMOR MAY NOT BE THE THREAT HERE.
THESE FELLOWS, ON THE OTHER HAND...
WAKANDANS, BY THEIR GARB... BUT WITH CLOAKING DEVICES AND GUNS.
CHARMING.

HMPH.
NORMALLY, THIS WOULD AMUSE ME.
NAMOR IS INSUFFERABLE, AND SEEING HIM IN SUCH STRAITS IS WELL DESERVED. TO THINK THAT HE CLAIMS DOMINION OVER MORE THAN HALF THE EARTH.
AND IF I'M BEING HONEST, HE SMELLS OF STINKING FISH.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
AND AS MUCH AS I FIND HIM ABRASIVE, HE'S MORE THAN POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH---
HMPH. HE'S NOT TURNING.
HE CAN'T SEE HIS ADVERSARIES IN THEIR CLOAKED FORMS.
IT WOULD APPEAR THE WORLD'S OCEANS WILL NEED TO FIND A NEW RULER.
CHINATOWN GIFT CENTER
ROYS PIZZA NYC
THE BEST SLICE IN TOWN

LOOK AT HIM THERE, DOWN AMONGST THE FILTH AND TRASH.
FITTING.
HNN!
BUT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER.
FOR WAR CRIMES AGAINST THE NATION OF WAKANDA, IN THE NAME OF SHURI, QUEEN AND BLACK PANTHER...
IT'S BECOME EXCEEDINGLY CLEAR THAT I AM NO HERO.
...PREPARE TO DIE.
THWIP!
BUT THEY ARE BETWEEN ME AND AVENGERS TOWER.
SPIDER-MAN?!
AWAY FROM THE FISH KING, YOU CURS!
UNF!

SURRENDER NOW, OR FACE THE WRATH OF THE...THE...
IT RISES UP WITHIN ME, THE SELF-AGGRANDIZING. WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
EH. JUST SURRENDER, OR BE BEATEN SEVERELY.
I HAVE NO NEED OF YOUR ASSISTANCE, *INSECT*.
THIS IS WELL IN HAND.
YES, SO I SEE FROM THE SPEAR PIERCING YOUR LEG.
YOU HAVE *EVERYTHING*...
...WELL...
...IN HAND.

SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING AGAIN... SOMETHING'S COMING.
WE NEED TO MOVE.
I RUN FROM NO MAN.
YOU'RE IN LUCK THEN, WATER BREATHER.
IT'S NOT ONE MAN. IT'S FIVE.
YOU NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION.
I NEED NOTHING.
YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK.
I CAN FLY, YOU MORON.
IF YOU COULD FLY, YOU WOULD HAVE. YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE WINGS HAVE BEEN CLIPPED.
YOU DARE--?!
NOTHING WOULD PLEASE ME MORE THAN TO LEAVE YOU HERE TO DIE.
OH, WAIT. I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
THWAP! YANK!
SPIDER-MAN!!!

ONCE NAMOR'S BLOOD STOPS BOILING FROM THE INDIGNITY OF BEING SAVED BY THE LIKES OF ME, HE TELLS ME THE STORY.
A WAR BETWEEN WAKANDA AND ATLANTIS, STEMMING FROM ARROGANCE AND PRIDE.
THAT, AND VARIOUS ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY NAMOR.
TO THINK THE AVENGERS PUT ME ON PROBATION.
THIS IS UNDIGNIFIED.
YOU COULD HAVE GONE TO THE AVENGERS, BUT YOU DIDN'T.
I DO NOT REQUIRE THEIR ASSISTANCE OR INTERFERENCE.
I TAKE IT THEY DON'T APPROVE OF YOUR LITTLE SKIRMISH WITH WAKANDA?
I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS.
THIS IS WHAT MEN DO. WHAT KINGS DO.
BUT I WILL NOT GROVEL BEFORE T'CHALLA OR HIS SISTER.
IF THEY WANT WAR, THEN SO BE IT.

BY TRYING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS, I NEARLY BROUGHT RUIN TO THIS CITY.
I THOUGHT I WAS BETTER THAN THE AVENGERS, BETTER THAN EVERYONE.
BUT AS IT TURNS OUT, IF ANYTHING I AM *INFERIOR*.
MY DAYS AS A HERO ARE OVER.
SOON, I WILL BE SPIDER-MAN NO MORE.
HAHA HAHAHA HA!
YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY?
I DO! IF YOU WISHED VALIDATION FOR WHAT A SIMPERING FOOL YOU ARE, YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT PERSON.
I HAVEN'T LAUGHED LIKE THAT IN AGES, SO FOR THAT YOU HAVE MY THANKS. FAREWELL, "INFERIOR SPIDER-MAN."

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA!
GET BACK!
THE PANTHER'S ASSASSINS HAVE FOUND YOU.
BY FOLLOWING YOUR ODOR, NO DOUBT.
YOU THINK YOU SAVED ME? THEIR WEAPONS ARE NOTHING TO ME.
SO YOU'RE LULLING THEM INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH THE MAIMED LEG? QUITE THE STRATEGY.
THWIP! THWIP!
PART OF ME ADMIRES WAKANDA'S WILLINGNESS TO EXECUTE YOU.
IT'S QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE, HAVING TALKED TO YOU.
YOU JOKE?
I LOST MY SENSE OF HUMOR SOME TIME AGO.
URK!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA!
HATUT ZERAZE!
YOUR QUEEN BRINGS DISHONOR UPON YOU WITH THIS ATTACK...ARE YOU WARRIORS, OR JACKALS?

YOU SHOULD TALK LESS, AND WATCH YOUR BACK MORE.
THEY SEEM MORE CONCERNED WITH KILLING YOU THAN WITH HONOR.
AAAIIIE!
YOU KNOW NOTHING OF WAKANDA, YOU PRATTLING FOOL, JUST AS YOU KNOW NOTHING OF BEING A KING OR A WARRIOR...
...YOU ARE LESS THAN USELESS, YOU--
--INSECT?
THESE HATUT ZERAZE, AS NAMOR CALLED THEM...THEY ARE NOT WITHOUT SKILL.

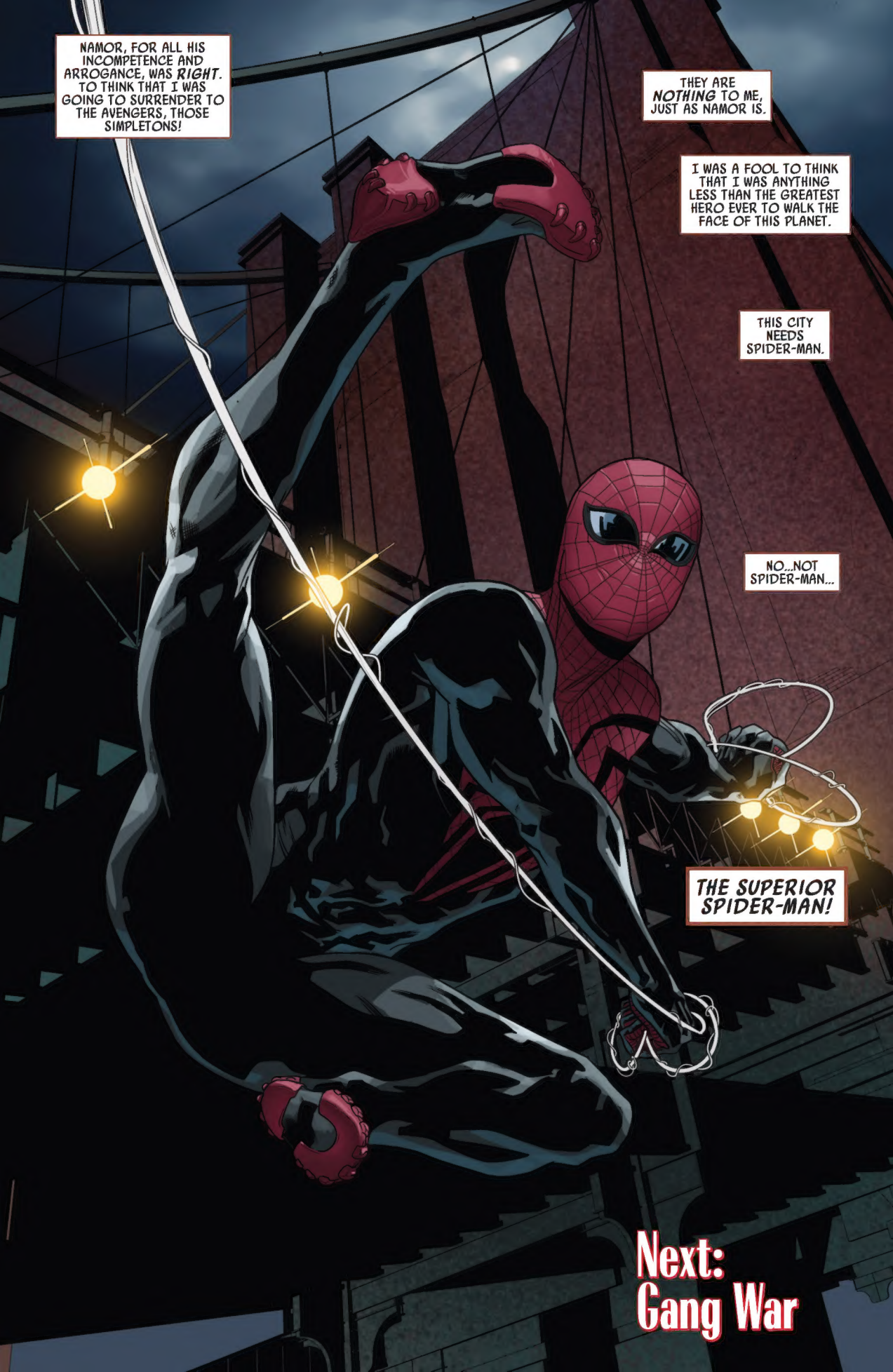
BUT WHILE I MAY NOT BE SPIDER-MAN...
...OR A HERO...
I STILL KNOW HOW TO BE A VILLAIN.
I KNOW HOW TO CRUSH MY ENEMIES.
I KNOW HOW TO HURT PEOPLE.

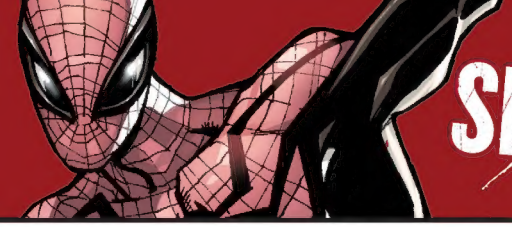
BUT ALL THIS POWER, ALL THE SKILL...
...IS IT ENOUGH?
I AM ALMOST IMPRESSED.
NO... SOMETHING'S WRONG.
HKK... GREETINGS.
GREETINGS... ZK...TK...
WHAT IS THIS?
T'CHALLA WOULD NOT SEND MACHINES...
NOT A WAKANDAN... SOME KIND OF AUTOMATON.
SELF-DESTRUCTION INITIATED.
RAAAAA!
GUNK
SQUAA--

THIS IS NOT THE WORK OF THE BLACK PANTHER.
SOMEONE IS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR WAR, TO ENSURE MY DEATH. A COWARD'S STRATEGY.
"SELF-DESTRUCTION..."
IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE.
THEY'RE ALL GOING TO EXPLODE.
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE. WE SHOULD LEAVE.
LEAVE? THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON THIS BRIDGE!
AND WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE WILL ANSWER FOR THESE CRIMES.
NO! WE HAVE TO DEACTIVATE THEM!
SHRIPP!
WE MUST GO, YOU FOOL!
YOU THINK YOURSELF RICHARDS OR STARK? YOU'RE NOT!
BE SILENT!
ONLY SECONDS LEFT... THE TECHNOLOGY IS MORE ADVANCED THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER SEEN.
I CAN'T...I NEVER SHOULD HAVE...
...
I PROMISED PETER THAT I WOULD BE SPIDER-MAN.
SPIDER-MAN NEVER GAVE UP.

CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
DEACTIVATING.
YOUR DAYS AS A HERO ARE OVER, YOU TOLD ME.
AND IF THE SPIDER-MAN I ONCE KNEW TOLD ME THAT, I WOULD AGREE WITH HIM.
I'VE HEARD THE STORIES ABOUT YOU. THAT YOU'D BECOME HARDENED. UNCOMPROMISING. VICIOUS, EVEN.
YOU DOUBT YOURSELF?
DON'T.
NEVER FORGET...YOU ARE BETTER THAN THE SHEEP YOU PROTECT. PEOPLE ARE WEAK. EVEN THE AVENGERS, FOR ALL THEIR IDEALISM...THEY ARE WEAK.
BELIEVE ME, I KNOW.
NEVER APOLOGIZE. NEVER SURRENDER.
FOR WHAT I WITNESSED HERE WAS NOT WEAKNESS.
IT WAS SUPERIORITY.

FAREWELL, SPIDER-MAN. YOU HAVE EARNED MY--
NAMOR.
WHAM!
UNGH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU PUT ALL THESE PEOPLE IN DANGER WITH YOUR MORONIC WAR.
THIS IS MY CITY, DO YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU MISERABLE MERMAN?
STAY OUT OF IT!


NAMOR, FOR ALL HIS INCOMPETENCE AND ARROGANCE, WAS *RIGHT*. TO THINK THAT I WAS GOING TO SURRENDER TO THE AVENGERS, THOSE SIMPLETONS!
THEY ARE *NOTHING* TO ME, JUST AS NAMOR IS.
I WAS A FOOL TO THINK THAT I WAS ANYTHING LESS THAN THE GREATEST HERO EVER TO WALK THE FACE OF THIS PLANET.
THIS CITY NEEDS SPIDER-MAN.
NO...NOT SPIDER-MAN...
THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN!
Next: Gang War



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Greetings, Spider-fans!

Sana and Chris Yost are hard at work on a new book called NEW WARRIORS which will be debuting in February, featuring SUNGIRL, NOVA, JUSTICE, SPEEDBALL, SCARLET SPIDER... and several other characters Steve says I'm not allowed to talk about because they haven't been in any of his books recently.

So! Sana is passing this book's editorial torch to me and Chris is passing the writing baton to Kevin Shinick! (Fans of AVENGING SPIDER-MAN may remember Kevin's work on the hysterical back-to-school issues with Deadpool. Weren't those great?)

Anyway, we'll be back next month with art by Marco Checchetto, colors by Rachelle Rosenberg, a cover by Paolo Rivera and a team-up between the Superior Spider-Man, Daredevil and the Punisher! All leading up to the downfall of the Superior Spider-Man and the rise of GOBLIN NATION!

Stay tuned!

Said with a smile,
Ellie Pyle

P.S. Be sure to scan this page with your phone to check out this week's

and see what life is REALLY like in the Wacker office!

ALSO ON SALE!

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